## IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, please replace paragraph number [0001], immediately below the subtitle RELATED APPLICATIONS with the following amended paragraph.

plas

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part application claiming priority from coNOW U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/211,903, entitled "Integrated Electronic
Signatures for Approval of Process Control System Software Objects," which was filed on
August 2, 2002 and the entire disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated by
reference herein: co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/352,396 entitled "Process
Control System with an Embedded Safety System," which was filed on January 28, 2003, the
entire disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein.